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U.S. Embassy Sponsors Phoenix Players' Production of *A Raisin in the Sun*

The United States Embassy is proud to sponsor the Phoenix Players' production of Lorraine Hansberry's play *A Raisin in the Sun*, an American theater classic. The title *A Raisin in the Sun* is from a line in Langston Hughes' poem "Harlem," "*What happens to a dream deferred? / Does it dry up / Like a raisin in the sun?*"

A Raisin in the Sun premiered on Broadway in 1959, making theatrical history as the first work by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway, and now Lorraine Hansberry is the first American playwright to have a work produced in Nairobi in recent memory.

Written in the 1950s, this award winning drama about the hopes and aspirations of a working-class American family can easily be adapted to today's Kenya because its themes of dreams deferred, family bonds, generational conflict, and relations between husbands and wives are universal.

The show runs at the Phoenix Players' Theatre in the Professional Centre, Downtown Nairobi through April 28.



A Scene from A Raisin in the Sun



Ambassador Gration and guests